GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:493
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2002
SMALL, MARGINAL AND BIG FARMERS
NAWAL KISHORE RAI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have ascertained the number of small, marginal and big farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the present number of such farmers in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the percentage of the total agricultural land with the small, marginal and big farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. The number of operational holdings and the area operated by them are estimated through quinquennial Agricultural Censuses conducted by the Government.

(b)&(c): Latest all India information available from Agricultural Censusrelates to 1990-91. Statements on the State-wise number of operational holdings and percentage area operated by them by major size-groups are given in Annexures−I and II respectively.

Annexure - I

Statement referred to in Lok Sabha Question no. 493 by Shri. Nawal Kishore Rai due for writtenreply on 04.03.2002 regarding `Small, Marginal and Big Farmers`
Number of operational holdings in major size-groups estimated through Agricultural Census,1990-91

(in Thousand)

Sl. NO.	State	Marginal (Below 1.0 ha)	Small (1.0 - 2.0 ha)	Semi-Medium (2.0 - 4.0 ha)	Medium (10.0 ha)	Large (10.0 ha & above)	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	5211	1972	1345	644	118	9290
2	Arunachal Prad	16	17	30	26	5	94
3	Assam	1521	560	343	95	5	2523
4	Bihar	10193	1438	945	351	39	12966
5	Goa	58	7	4	2	1	72
6	Gujarat	924	915	890	669	118	3517
7	Haryana	622	304	336	222	46	1530
8	Himachal Prad	532	166	94	36	6	834
9	J & Kashmir	902	197	98	20	1	1217
10	Karnataka	2262	1586	1163	636	129	5776
11	Kerala	5016	280	98	21	3	5418
12	Madhya Pradesh	3136	1917	1738	1287	323	8401
13	Maharashtra	3275	2728	2126	1171	171	9470
14	Manipur	69	49	21	3	Neg.	142
15	Meghalaya	59	51	46	13	1	171
16	Mizoram	29	23	9	1	Neg.	61
17	Nagaland	13	21	26	47	33	142
18	Orissa	2118	1035	594	186	15	3948
19	Punjab	296	204	289	261	67	1117
20	Rajasthan	1517	1019	1061	1017	493	5107
21	Sikkim	26	11	9	5	1	53
22	Tamil Nadu	5848	1275	618	228	31	7999
23	Tripura	217	69	28	4	Neg.	318
24	Uttar Pradesh	14819	3118	1543	548	45	20074
25	West Bengal	4639	1107	457	79	1	6284

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Neg. = Negligible

Annexure - II

Statement referred to in Lok Sabha Question no.493 by Shri. Nawal Kishore Rai due for written reply on 04.03.2002 regarding `Small, Marginal and Big Farmers`

Area Operated by major size-group of operational holdings estimated through Agricultural Census,1990-91

(in percentages)

Sl. NO.	State	Marginal (Below 1.0 ha)	Small (1.0 - 2.0 ha)	Semi-Medium (2.0 - 4.0 ha)	Medium (4.0 - 10.0 ha)	Large (10.0 ha & above)	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	16.4	19.6	25.2	26.1	12.8	100.0
2	Arunachal Prad	2.9	7.4	24.0	42.0	23.4	100.0
3	Assam	18.9	24.5	28.6	15.4	12.6	100.0
4	Bihar	33.4	18.2	24.0	18.4	6.0	100.0
5	Goa	28.4	16.4	13.4	13.4	28.4	100.0
6	Gujarat	4.8	13.0	24.4	38.9	18.9	100.0
7	Haryana	7.9	12.5	25.4	35.0	19.1	100.0
8	Himachal Prad	21.3	23.3	25.5	20.3	9.6	100.0
9	Jammu & Kashmir	34.2	26.8	26.0	10.7	2.3	100.0
10	Karnataka	8.7	18.7	26.0	30.6	16.0	100.0
11	Kerala	48.2	21.3	14.2	6.3	9.9	100.0
12	Madhya Pradesh	6.4	12.6	21.9	35.1	24.0	100.0
13	Maharashtra	7.7	19.0	28.1	32.8	12.4	100.0
14	Manipur	21.7	38.3	30.9	8.6	0.6	100.0
15	Meghalaya	10.6	22.5	38.7	23.5	4.3	100.0
16	Mizoram	21.4	42.9	29.8	4.8	Neg.	100.0
17	Nagaland	1.0	3.3	8.4	32.8	61.2	100.0
18	Orissa	19.7	26.9	29.5	19.1	4.8	100.0
19	Punjab	4.1	8.1	20.9	40.2	26.7	100.0
20	Rajasthan	3.5	7.0	14.4	30.2	44.9	100.0
21	Sikkim	9.9	17.1	24.3	27.9	19.8	100.0
22	Tamil Nadu	28.3	24.0	22.6	17.4	7.7	100.0
23	Tripura	28.2	34.4	25.0	5.8	6.5	100.0
24	Uttar Pradesh	31.4	24.4	23.4	16.9	3.9	100.0
25	West Bengal	36.5	30.0	22.4	7.5	3.6	100.0
26	All U.Ts	17.9	17.9	24.3	27.1	12.9	100.0
	All India	15.0	17.4	23.2	27.0	17.3	100.0